Town of Superior Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) Meeting Notes February 12, 2014

Members of the Committee in attendance: Patricia Dunham, Jill Kenny, Mike Gheleta, Ken Lish, Sherin Tedeschi (late arrival), Matt Finnigan. Quorum present.

Others in attendance:

Citizen: Jim Paine, Pamela Lehman. Town Board Liaison: Sandy Pennington.

Staff: Martin Toth.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Public Comment Jim Paine updated the Committee regarding the ongoing EngageSuperior Community Meetings to discuss the Superior Town Center civic space parcels, and invited members to participate in the next meeting on February 19 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. In response to concerns expressed about the proximity of potential playing fields to the creek bed and the lack of current process to explore how to integrate this area with the overall project, Jim mentioned an option for the Committee to consider recommending the Town Board establish a working group similar to the Hodgson-Harris Reservoir group.
- 2. Discussion Superior Town Center Creek Corridor. The Committee discussed the potential proximity to Coal Creek of developed athletic field areas in the civic space areas of the Town Center project. The Committee feels there is limited natural open space included in the entire development project area, and that potential construction of programmed fields close to the boundary of the creek corridor would further reduce citizen access to the usable natural open space in the project area. The Committee discussed participating in a working group with other stakeholders to look at options for how the creek could be effectively addressed through this development project. The Committee passed a motion unanimously:
 - a. The Committee recommends the Town Board establish a working group with members of OSAC, PROSTAC and other stakeholders with the purpose to study and develop recommendations for the Town Board to consider in determining how the creek corridor will be addressed through the construction of the Superior Town Center project.

3. Updates and Lookahead

a. Coyote Crew Training Opportunity on February 22 at 9:00 am – staff is coordinating a volunteer event to learn about coyote hazing techniques and then walk park facilities to practice these techniques.

- b. Committee Open House (April 3 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall) calendar note.
- c. Arbor Day (April 26 at 10:00 am at Founders Park) calendar note.
- 4. Discussion Outdoor Education Schedule. Staff has identified a vendor and is finalizing a schedule of programs to be held this spring through fall.
- 5. Committee Leadership Elections. Each Town Committee is required to elect new officers for a one-year term by the second Committee meeting of the calendar year. The Committee unanimously elected Sherin Tedeschi as Chair and Matthew Finnigan as Vice-Chair.
- 6. Discussion Committee Meeting Starting Times. The Committee discussed moving their regular meeting start time to 6:30 p.m. from 7:00 p.m. The Committee passed a motion unanimously:
 - a. The Committee recommends the regular meeting start time move to 6:30 p.m.
- 7. Discussion National Trails Day Event Planning. The Committee is hosting National Trails Day event activities on Saturday, June 7, in conjunction with the Town's outdoor education program for this year. The Committee reviewed options to add activities at the event, sponsorship ideas, marketing and giveaway items, then identified responsibility for different tasks to address prior to next month's meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.